H.O.P.E. Network to conduct survey

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The HOPE (Helping Our People Effectively) Network team will conduct a survey of the Rhein-Main community in December to find ways to improve the quality of life for the military families that call Rhein-Main home.

The organization provides a mechanism to support unit leaders in identifying and addressing issues such as health and wellness, safety, personnel preparedness, individual and family adaptation and community satisfaction through a sense of belonging.

The team function is to reduce "stovepipe thinking" through an integrated, seamless delivery system designed to avoid duplication of effort and improve the community's capacity to deliver services.

Members of the Rhein-Main HOPE Network recently attended command training that provided information on past community needs assessments and helped the team to develop a plan to address the present community needs at Rhein-Main Air Base.

The last local community needs assessment was conducted in the fall of 1999. From this data, the HOPE Network team has identified areas that need to be re-evaluated to validate if the problems still exist at Rhein-Main.

Teams will be formed from personnel in the chapel, family support center, family advocacy, and the family member programs flight.

The teams will visit each housing unit to ask questions about services and leadership on the base.

Once the survey results have been tabulated, the HOPE Network will develop a plan to improve the quality of services available here.

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